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LET THERE BE LIGHT!

AVENGERS ASSEMBLE!
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THERE LIVES MORE FAITH IN HONEST DOUBT, BELIEVE ME, THAN IN HALF THE CREEDS. ~ALFRED, LORD TENNYSON.

"ADAM WARLOCK, ONCE SUPREME BEING OF HIS UNIVERSE, NOW REDUCED TO MERE GUARDIAN OF THE SOUL GEM AND LEADER OF THE INFINITY WATCH.

"THE DEPTHS IN WHICH HE IS BROODING ARE APPARENT EVEN FROM THIS VANTAGE.

"HE SENSES MY COMING.

"SOME ESOTERIC ELEMENT WITHIN FEELS THE METAMORPHOSIS ON THE HORIZON.

"HOW CAN HE NOT BE AWARE OF THE APPROACHING AWAKENING? FOR HE IS TRULY AN ESSENTIAL PART OF THIS...

Epiphany

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"FEAR MUST PLAY ALONG HIS HEART STRINGS."

GAMORA, TELEMETRY SHOWS MAXAM'S STRENGTH LEVELS TO BE NEARLY EQUAL TO DRAX'S NON-ADRENELINED PEAK!

THAT PUTS HIM IN A CLASS WITH THE HULK, MOON-DRAGON!

ALL THAT POWER AND SUPPOSEDLY NO MEMORY OF HOW HE CAME BY IT!

I TELL YOU, LADIES, MAX'S WHOLE AMNESIA TRIP'S A CROCK OF BULL!

SURE... WISH ...IT WERE... PIP.

THIS TEST ABOUT OVER?

"LITTLE INTEREST HAS POOR ADAM IN HIS FELLOW ADVENTURERS' EXPERIMENTS.

"DOES HE REALIZE HIS DARK WAYS ARE ABOUT TO COME TO AN END?

"JUDGMENT DAY IS UPON YOU, SINNER--!

"REPENT."

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"BUT THAT IS NOT YOUR WAY, IS IT, WARLOCK?

"FACED WITH OVER-WHELMING PERIL, YOUR HABIT IS TO SEEK RESOLUTION RATHER THAN SALVATION.

"EVEN NOW YOU FORMULATE PLANS ON HOW TO DEAL WITH THE DANGER YOUR COSMIC SENSES BARELY EVEN PERCEIVE.

"YOUR FIRST STEP, NATURALLY, IS TO CONSULT ONE WHO KNOWS ALL AND MISSES NOTHING.

"A VAIN EFFORT.

"A TRUTH YOU'LL SOON COME TO LEARN.

"BUT REACHING THIS ADVISOR PRESENTS A PROBLEM IN ITSELF, DOESN'T IT?

"YOUR WOULD-BE BENEFACTOR IS BOTH AS DISTANT AS THE FARTHEST STAR AND AS NEAR AS YOUR OWN SKIN.

"BUT THE MYSTICAL ORB HE PRESENTED YOU MAY REMEDY THIS SITUATION.

"YOU'VE SO FAR HESITATED USING IT IN SUCH A MANNER, BUT NOW..."

HL.

"CONCENTRATION.

"TRANSITION.

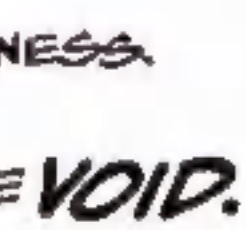
"OBLIVION.

"NOTHINGNESS.

"THE VOID.

"HOW PEACEFUL IT IS.

"NO PROBLEMS OR WORRIES HERE.

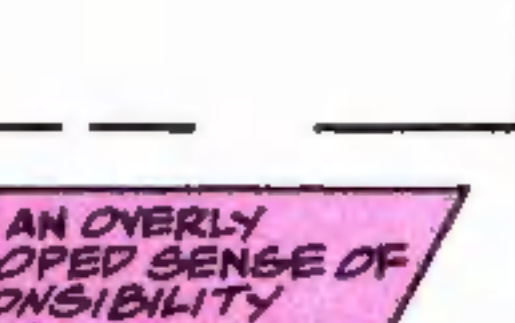


"THE TEMPTATION IS FOR YOU TO JUST REMAIN HERE FOREVER.

"THE SEDUCTIVE CALL OF SILENT AND ENDLESS CONTEMPLATION.

"ONLY AN OVERLY DEVELOPED SENSE OF RESPONSIBILITY ALLOWS YOU TO RESIST THE SIREN LURE."

GREETINGS, ADAM WARLOCK!



I SEE THAT YOU HAVE AT LAST DETERMINED ONE OF THE USES OF THE ETERNAL ORB.

INTERESTING NAME.

BE WARNED THAT THIS GIFT IS ONLY TO BE USED AS A COMMUNICATION MEANS WITH MY PRESENCE IN THE MOST DIRE OF SITUATIONS.

WHICH IS WHY I HELD OFF TESTING UNTIL NOW, ETERNITY.

I SENSE SOMETHING AMISS IN THE UNIVERSE.

I TOO HAVE FELT A COSMIC CHANGE NEARING; EXAMINED THIS CURIOSITY AND DETERMINED IT HOLDS NO SIGNIFICANCE TO MY EXISTENCE.

I DON'T UNDER-STAND?

YOU MEAN WHAT I SENSE IS OF NO CONSE-QUENCE?

NONE TO ME.

WHAT ABOUT TO MY LIFE?

THAT IS FOR YOU TO DE-CIDE.

YOU SEEM DISTRACTED, ETERNITY.

LET IT NOT DISTURB YOU. IT IS MY NATURAL STATE.

I AM FOREVER. ALL THAT EVER WAS, IS, OR WILL BE.

ENDLESS MOMENTS ARE ME AND MINE TO TEND.

EACH MICRO-SECOND HAS VARYING DEGREES OF IMPOR-TANCE AND ARE GRANTED APPROPRIATE ATTENTIVNESS.

MEANING THIS MEETING OBVIOUSLY IS NOT A HIGH PRIORITY.

AND ONE NO LONGER WORTH CONTINUING...

MYRIAD DUTIES BECKON. FARE-WELL.

WAIT!

I WANTED TO ASK YOU...

SUCH AN ABRUPT DEPARTURE. HOW RUDE.

BUT IT DOES ALLOW US THIS PRIVATE MOMENT.

YOU DO NOT RECOGNIZE ME?

THERE IS SOMETHING TERRIBLY FAMILIAR ABOUT YOU.

YOU MAY CALL ME THE Goddess!

WHO?

THE GODDESS..?

A GRAND TITLE...

LIKE THE MAGUS...

YOU!

EXACTLY!

I AM ALL THAT IS IN OPPOSITION TO YOUR DARK SIDE--THE MAGUS!

THE GODDESS IS THE FLAME, SELF AWARE-NESS, AND FEMININE.

AND YOU ARE...

...NOW BUT A MEMORY.

MOMENTS LATER, BACK ON EARTH, AT THE WEST COAST AVENGERS' HQ.

RESERVE AVENGER LIVING LIGHTNING, TAKES A BREAK FROM HIS DAY FOR A LITTLE SUN AND RELAXATION...

BUT THIS RESPITE IS DESTINED TO GAIN HIM FAR MORE THAN WAS EXPECTED.

MADRE DI DIOS!

ABOVE A FOREST IN NORTHERN CANADA...

ABOVE THE NEW YORK STATE THRUWAY...

SOMEWHERE OVER NEW YORK CITY...

ATOP THE ROOF OF AVENGERS HEADQUARTERS IN NEW YORK...

ON THE GROUNDS OF A WEST-CHESTER ESTATE...

AND OUT THE WINDSHIELD OF AN AVENGERS QUINJET...

THIS CANNOT BE!

HUH?

GONE!

IF IT WAS EVER TRULY THERE.

A VISION?

IMAGINATION?

TOO MUCH WORK?

WHO IS TO SAY?

WITHIN A DARKENED ROOM MANY LIGHT YEARS AWAY...

A DARING TRANSGRESSION.

ONE ONLY A GODDESS WOULD DARE.

GEEEEEEEE!

WHO IS SO FOOLISH AS TO TRESPASS AGAINST ME?

ONE WHO HERALDS A TOMORROW WITH NO ROOM FOR VILE CREATURES SUCH AS YOURSELF--!

NOW, PREPARE FOR DIVINE JUDGMENT AND...

I GRANT YOU A MOMENT TO CONSIDER YOUR SINS.

...ETERNAL DAMNATION!

"THERE IS NO DENYING HEAVENLY EDICT."

NO!

WHERE THERE IS HEAVEN THERE MUST SURELY BE HADES.

ALL REALMS HAVE THEIR RULERS.

BUT IN THIS DOMAIN THE CROWN CURRENTLY RESTS UNEASILY ON ITS DARK LORD'S HEAD...

UNBELIEVABLE.

YET THE FLAMES DARE NOT DECEIVE ME.

THERE BE DANGEROUS FORCES AT WORK IN THE NEIGHBORING REALITY.

'TIS A FRIGHTENING MOVEMENT THAT COULD BRING AN END TO EVEN THE PERDITION I HAVE CREATED.

THIS CANNOT BE ALLOWED TO COME TO PASS.

BUT I ALONE CAN DO NAUGHT AGAINST SUCH A GRAVE MENACE.

LORD MEPHISTO IS IN NEED OF ALLIES.

"FOR THE PAST YEAR I HAVE BEEN GATHERING THE COSMIC CONTAINMENT UNITS FROM MYRIAD DIMENSIONS.

"EACH OF THEM HAS THE POWER TO GRANT ME NEARLY ANY WISH.

"BUT THEIR GRANDEUR PALES NEXT TO DIVINE CALLING.

"THE UNITS ARE BUT TOOLS TO BE USED TO REALIZE THE SUPREME ONE'S WILL.

"LET UNIVERSAL DESTINY TAKE FORM.

"MAY IT SCULPT MY BEING TO ITS NEEDS.

"ALLOW IT TO EXPLOIT ANY AVENUE.

"I BOW TO ITS OMNIPOTENT WILL.

"GAZE INTO THE HEAVENS, ALL YE FAITHFUL.

"OPEN YOUR EYES TO THE HOLY PLAN.

"GIVE WITNESS AND PAY HOMAGE TO YOUR REDEMPTRESS!"

IN THE DEPTHS OF A REALITY MANY LEVELS FROM OUR OWN...

THE FIRST VICTIM OF THE INFINITY CRUSADE.

WHAT HAVE WE HERE?

"THE END OF THE WORK DAY BRINGS ITS USUAL CONGESTION AND FRUSTRATION TO THE MEAN STREETS OF NEW YORK CITY.

"AN UNLIKELY PLACE TO FIND ENLIGHTENMENT.

"MOST ONLY CRAVE THE SMALL COMFORT OF HOME AND AN ESCAPE FROM THE RAT RACE.

"BUT FOR A GOOD QUARTER OF THIS CROWD THERE WILL BE A SURPRISE BONUS IN TODAY'S PAYCHECK.

"A VEIL WILL BE LIFTED FROM THEIR EYES.

"THE SUN WILL COME FROM BEHIND DARK CLOUDS.

"AND THEY SHALL TRULY SEE."

ON A FARM IN IDAHO...

JAKE, YOU OKAY?

IN A VILLAGE IN CHINA...

<ARE YOU ILL, ZHANG?>

<NO.>

WITHIN THE WALLS OF THE KREMLIN...

<IN FACT, I COULD NOT POSSIBLY FEEL BETTER.>

AT A ROYAL DINNER IN SAUDI ARABI...

<IT IS JUST THAT SOMETHING MARVELOUS HAS OCCURRED TO ME.>

DEEP WITHIN A DIAMOND MINE IN SOUTH AFRICA...

WHO CARES? FINISH WITH THIS LOAD--!

YES, SIR.

WHATEVER YOU SAY, BOSS.

TO THE WORLD AT LARGE IT IS BUT ANOTHER MANSION IN AN EXCLUSIVE NEW YORK SUBURB.

BUT THOSE IN THE KNOW REFER TO THIS COMPOUND AS THE X-MEN'S HIDEAWAY.

PRESENT IN THE DANGER ROOM'S CONTROL CHAMBER ARE WOLVERINE AND STORM.

DON'T SEE WHY YOU WANT ME TO COME UP WITH A NEW PROGRAM FOR THE GAME ROOM, ORORO.

WHO BETTER TO ASK, LOGAN, THAN OUR RESIDENT EXPERT IN MAYHEM.

BESIDES, I THINK...

BY... THE...

YES, I AM THE GODDESS. GREETINGS, WINDRIDER.

DO NOT BE ALARMED. I COME TO YOU WITH A LOVING HEART.

YES, HE'S COMPLETELY UNAWARE OF MY PRESENCE.

NOT EVEN YOUR COMRADE'S ULTRA-SHARP SENSES CAN DETECT ME.

"NO INFIDEL CAN BEHOLD ME."

MY BEAUTY AND GRANDEUR ARE STRICTLY FOR THE BELIEVER.

IF A PERSON CANNOT SEE THEY CANNOT SEE ME.

BUT WHY?

BECAUSE I AM NEEDED.

ORORO?

THE ENTIRE GALAXY HAS CALLED OUT FOR ME.

AND I HAVE ANSWERED THAT SUMMONS FOR I DO WORK FOR THE SUPREME ONE.

WHAT WORK?

I AM HERE TO TAKE AWAY THE PAIN AND SUFFERING.

4 FREEDOMS PLAZA HEADQUARTERS OF THE FANTASTIC FOUR...

SUE RICHARDS, I AM WELL AWARE OF JUST HOW DIFFICULT IT HAS BEEN FOR YOU.

YOU SUFFER NEEDLESSLY IN SILENCE.

I AM HERE FOR YOU.

FROM THE START YOUR GREAT POWERS HAVE BROUGHT WITH THEM STILL GREATER RESPONSIBILITIES AND SUFFERING.

YOUR STILL-BORN CHILD WAS TRULY THE UNKINDEST CUT OF ALL.

HOW UNJUST.

THE ONLY THING YOU'VE HAD TO SEE YOU THROUGH THESE TRYING TIMES IS YOUR LITTLE-SPOKEN-OF-FAITH.

YES... IT'S BEEN SO HARD...

BELIEVE ME, DAREDEVIL, I FEEL THE PAIN THE YEARS HAVE HEAPED ONTO YOUR SHOULDERS.

I SHARE IT.

THAT IS WHY I HAVE MANIFESTED MYSELF AT THIS TIME, NAMORITA.

I AM HERE TO RELIEVE THE ANGUISH OF AN UNFAIR EXISTENCE, SILHOUETTE.

MY AIM, GALLANT SPIDER-MAN, IS TO TEAR DOWN THE WALL SEPARATING THE HUMAN SPIRIT FROM CELESTIAL BLISS.

ONLY I, QUICKSILVER, CAN RESCUE HUMANITY AND MUTANTKIND FROM ETERNAL HELL'S FIRE.

TO DO THIS, I HAVE COME TO BEINGG, LIKE YOURSELF, DR. STRANGE, WHO ARE DEEPLY IN TOUCH WITH THE SPIRITUAL SIDE OF THEIR NATURE.

OTHERS, WONDER MAN, I HAVE CHOSEN BECAUSE THEY HAVE TASTED DEATH AND SEE PAST THE CONFINING BOUNDARIES OF MERE MORTAL EXISTENCE.

YOU, CAPTAIN AMERICA, I HAVE SELECTED BECAUSE OF YOUR DEPTH OF MORAL CHARACTER, YOUR HONESTY, AND BRAVERY.

PUCK, SHAMAN, TALISMAN, WIND-SHEAR, AND SASQUATCH, YOU ARE STRONG SOULS WHO WOULD SACRIFICE YOUR ALL FOR THE COLLECTIVE GOOD OF HUMANITY.

KNOW THAT YOU CAN BETTER SERVE THIS UNIVERSE, SILVER SURFER-- BY SERVING ME.

OPEN YOURSELF UP, THOR, AND FEEL THE GRANDEUR OF POTENTIAL UNIVERSAL NIRVANA WITHIN ME.

FOR I AM THE EMBODIMENT OF ALL THAT IS RIGHTEOUS, SERS!.

I AM THE WAY.

SURELY, SLEEPWALKER, YOUR KEEN MYSTIC SENSES MUST CONFIRM THE PURITY OF MY ESSENCE.

I ASK YOU, CRYSTAL, TO JOIN WITH ME IN A MOST HOLY CALLING, A DIVINE MOVEMENT.

WITH YOUR AID, HERCULES, IT IS POSSIBLE TO ELIMINATE ALL EVIL FROM THIS PLANE OF EXISTENCE.

FIRELORD, TOGETHER WE CAN GENERATE A STERILIZING FLAME TO SCOUR THIS UNIVERSE CLEAN.

BE ASSURED THAT I HAVE THE POWER TO ACCOMPLISH THIS MIRACLE, MOONDRAGON. AND I DESIRE YOU TO BE MY CHIEF APOSTLE.

BUT BE WARNED, USAGENT, THAT THERE WILL BE THOSE WHO WILL SEEK TO THWART THIS GRAND DESIGN.

YOU WILL DISCOVER THAT EVEN FRIENDS AND FAMILY, DUPLICATE MAN, MIGHT NOT UNDERSTAND YOUR NEW ENLIGHTEN-MENT.

TRUST NO ONE, RAHNE.

SCARET WITCH, THEY WILL NOT UNDERSTAND THAT WE BRING ABOUT BENEVOLENT AND POSITIVE SPIRITUAL ADVANCES TO THIS ACTUALITY.

I PROMISE YOU, BLACK KNIGHT--A CRUSADE WHOSE END GOAL IS GALACTIC SALVATION.

I OFFER YOU THE CHANCE TO TRULY FIGHT FOR WHAT IS RIGHT AND JUST, GAMORA.

LIVING LIGHTNING, THE FIRE THAT IS WITHIN ME CAN EXPEL THE DARK-NESS.

OUR FAITH CAN MOLD A BETTER TOMORROW FOR THIS REALM, MOON KNIGHT.

OUR BELIEF CAN CREATE WONDER-MENT.

"REACH OUT FOR THAT MIRACLE, MY CHILDREN.

"EMBRACE THE BEAUTY THAT IS RIGHTEOUS.

"PLEDGE YOUR SELF TO THE GREATER GLORY OF THE

"JOIN ME IN THE INFINITY CRUSADE, THE ULTIMATE BATTLE AGAINST EVIL!

"WILL YOU BE MY SOLDIERS OF LIGHT?

"WILL YOU FAITHFULLY SERVE ME?"

YES!

WHAT?!

A TRANS-DIMENSIONAL PORTAL OPENING IN THE MIDDLE OF THE ROOM!

YEG.

SUE! GET AWAY FROM THAT!!

STEP FORTH AND BE COUNTED, MY CHOSEN ONE.

WHAT THE DEVIL?

TOO LATE!

WHERE'D THAT DOORWAY GO?!

GONE!

GREEN LADY GO THROUGH DOOR AND DISAPPEAR?

THROUGH A PORTAL THAT VANISHED ALONG WITH HER.

I DIDN'T KNOW SHE COULD DO THAT!

SHE CAN'T!

WORSE YET, SHE LOOKED HYPNOTIZED OR SOMETHIN'!

THEN I TAKE IT THIS IS A RATHER UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE, EVEN FOR YOU FOLKS?

DRAX DON'T REMEMBER IT EVER HAPPENED BEFORE.

AND IT'S WAY OUT OF MY LEAGUE!

TIME TO CALL IN THE MASTERS OF THE MACABRE!

ADAM! MOON-DRAGON!

WE GOT US SOME BIG TROUBLE!!

MOONDRAGON, YOU'RE... NOT HERE!

YOU DON'T FIGURE...

NAW!

DON'T EVEN THINK IT.

ADAM!

GET YOUR BUTT IN GEAR ON THE DOUBLE!

THERE'S AN EXTREMELY SERIOUS SITUATION COMING DOWN, AND--

TERRIFIC!

HE'S GONE, TOO.

AND HE TOOK THE ROOM WITH HIM.

WHAT THE DEUCE IS GOIN' ON HERE?

HI, VISION. THIS IS JOHNNY STORM OVER AT 4 FREEDOMS PLAZA.

REED ASKED ME TO GIVE YOU A CALL AND ASK...

WELL, HE KIND OF WANTS TO KNOW...

I MEAN...

HAVE ANY OF THE AVENGERS SORT OF DISAPPEARED?

YES. SEVERAL INDIVIDUALS OF PARANORMAL POWER HAVE DEPARTED UNDER MYSTERIOUS CIRCUMSTANCES.

WE ARE CURRENTLY COMPILING A LIST OF THE MISSING.

I ASSUME THAT THE FANTASTIC FOUR HAVE EXPERIENCED SIMILAR LOSS.

YES, MY SISTER, THE INVISIBLE WOMAN!

INTERESTING READINGS...

YOUR WIFE DISAPPEARS, AND THAT'S ALL YOU GOT TO SAY FOR YOURSELF?

TIME FOR A REALITY CHECK, STRETCH!

EMOTIONAL TURMOIL WILL GAIN US LITTLE IN THIS CURRENT SITUATION, BEN.

VISION, WE'LL BE STOPPING BY AVENGERS' HEADQUARTERS AS SOON AS I GATHER UP CERTAIN EQUIPTMENT.

EXCELLENT.

SEVERAL GROUPS AND INDIVIDUALS ARE ALREADY ON THEIR WAY HERE.

BUT, BEFORE YOU SIGN OFF, I HAVE A QUESTION TO ASK.

IS SUE RICHARDS A RELIGIOUS PERSON?

YEAH, IN A QUIET SORT OF WAY...

WHY?

IT CONCERNS A THEORY I AM IN THE PROCESS OF FORMULATING.

NOT ENOUGH DATA HAS BEEN GATHERED FOR ME TO VOICE IT THOUGH.

PERHAPS BY THE TIME YOU ARRIVE ... UNTIL THEN...

WHAT DO YOU FIGURE THAT WAS ALL ABOUT?

NEVER CAN TELL WITH THE VISION.

HE'S A WEIRD ONE.

I MEAN WERE TALKIN' ABOUT A DUDE WHO GAVE UP HIS HUMANITY SO HE COULD BE PURE ANDROID!

A FEW CARDS SHORT OF A FULL DECK, YOU ASK ME.

REED RICHARDS, YOU ARE NEEDED!

HUH?

REED?

WHERE'D BEAN-POLE GET TO?

HE'S GONE!

VANISHED!

JUST LIKE SUE.

ON THE FAR SIDE OF THE SUN FROM THE EARTH...

"YES."

THIS WILL DO NICELY.

AVENGERS HEADQUARTERS.

THAT'S THE TALLY SO FAR AS WE CAN FIGURE.

WE HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO CONTACT EITHER EXCALIBUR OR X-FORCE.

AND YOU SAY THAT QUASAR IS OFF THE PLANET?

COMPLETELY OUT OF TOUCH.

WE DON'T KNOW HOW TO CONTACT THEM.

WHAT ABOUT THE GROUP CALLED THE INFINITY WATCH?

WATCH IT, SHORTY.

NOW THAT THE APPROPRIATE FILES HAVE BEEN EXAMINED I BELIEVE I HAVE SUFFICIENT HARD DATA TO PUT FORTH THAT THEORY I MENTIONED EARLIER.

I FEEL CONFIDENT I KNOW WHY THESE PARTICULAR PARA-NORMALS WERE ABDUCTED.

THEY WERE KIDNAPPED?

MANY AMONG THE MISSING HOLD DEEPLY FELT MORAL STANDS OR INTENSE SPIRITUAL BELIEF SYSTEMS.

THOSE WHO DO NOT FIT THAT PRO-FILE HAVE ALL HAD AFTER-DEATH EXPERIENCES.

WELL?

ALL THE MISSING SHARE A COMMON TRAIT OR EXPERIENCE.

WHICH IS?

AN EVENT OR ATTITUDE THAT MIGHT BE CATEGORIZED AS RELIGIOUS.

SO HAVE YOU.

BUT I MIGHT BE DESCRIBED AS A SOUL-LESS BEING.

MY THEORY DOES NOT HOLD THAT THESE ATTITUDES AIDED IN THE MISSING INDIVIDUAL'S ABDUCTION, ONLY THAT THESE TRAITS MAY HAVE DETERMINED WHO WOULD BE TAKEN.

I DON'T GET IT...

HEY I BELIEVE THERE'S A GOD!

WHY DIDN'T I GET SNATCHED ALONG WITH THE OTHERS?

OBVIOUSLY BECAUSE YOUR BELIEF IN A SUPREME BEING IS NOT AS DEEPLY FELT NOR WELL KNOWN AS THE OTHERS.

IN OTHER WORDS THE BEST AMONG US HAVE BEEN GRABBED?

EXACTLY.

YOU CAN ADD REED TO THE LIST OF M.I.A.'S.

HIGHLY UNLIKELY.

PROF. RICHARDS DOES NOT AT ALL FIT THE PROFILE.

HE IS TOO MUCH THE HARD BOILED PRAGMA-TIST.

WELL, IT DOES SORT OF LOOK LIKE HE MAY HAVE BEEN BAGGED BY SOMEONE DIFFERENT.

JUST AS I SUS-PECTED.

STILL, HIS DISAPPEAR-ANCE COMPLICATES AN ALREADY PERILOUS SITUATION.

TRANS-DIMENSIONAL FORCES APPEAR TO BE INVOLVED AND RICHARDS IS OUR MOST KNOWLEDGE-ABLE EXPERT IN THAT FIELD.

WE'LL JUST HAVE TO MUDDLE THROUGH WITHOUT HIM.

PERHAPS IF WE REVIEW THE FILE HE GAVE THE AVENGERS ON...

TALK ABOUT NOT SEEING THE FOREST FOR THE TREES.

HASN'T IT OCCURRED TO ANY OF YOU GENIUSES THAT WE HAD OUR-SELVES A RASH OF DISAPPEARANCES A FEW MONTHS BACK?

DOESN'T ANYONE REMEMBER WHO WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR THEM?

PERHAPS WE OUGHT TO BE CHECKING UP ON HIM.

WE'D BE GLAD TO, ONCE YOU TELL US HOW.

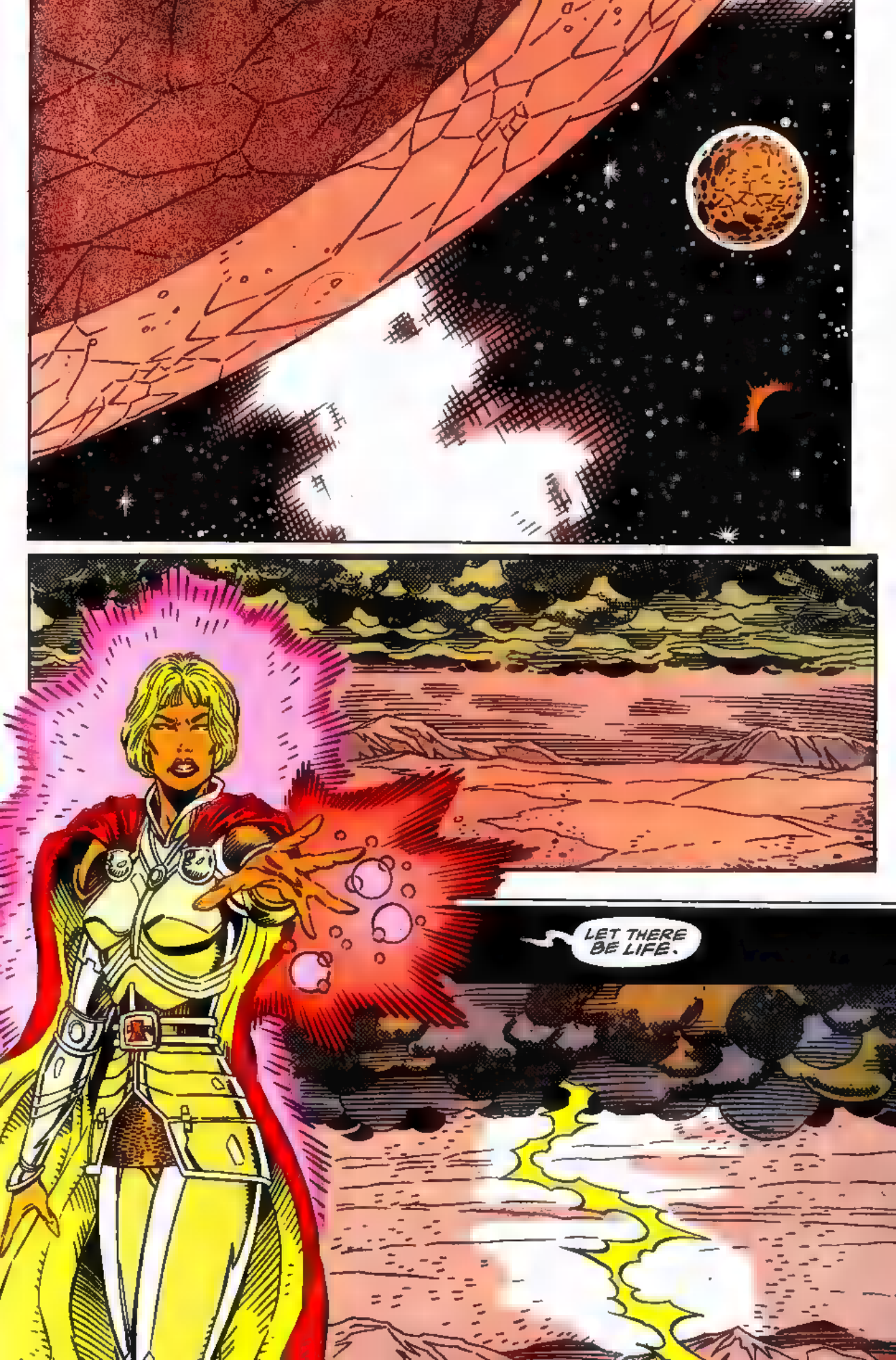
BESIDES, THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF THESE VANISHINGS DIFFER GREATLY FROM THOSE PAST ONES.

NOT TO MENTION THE FACT THAT EVERYONE'S PRAYING OLD "PURPLE PUSS" ISN'T INVOLVED THIS GO-AROUND.

PRECISELY.

NOBODY IN HIS RIGHT MIND SHOULD WANT TO CONFRONT THANOS AGAIN, IF IT CAN BE AVOIDED.

CREATION.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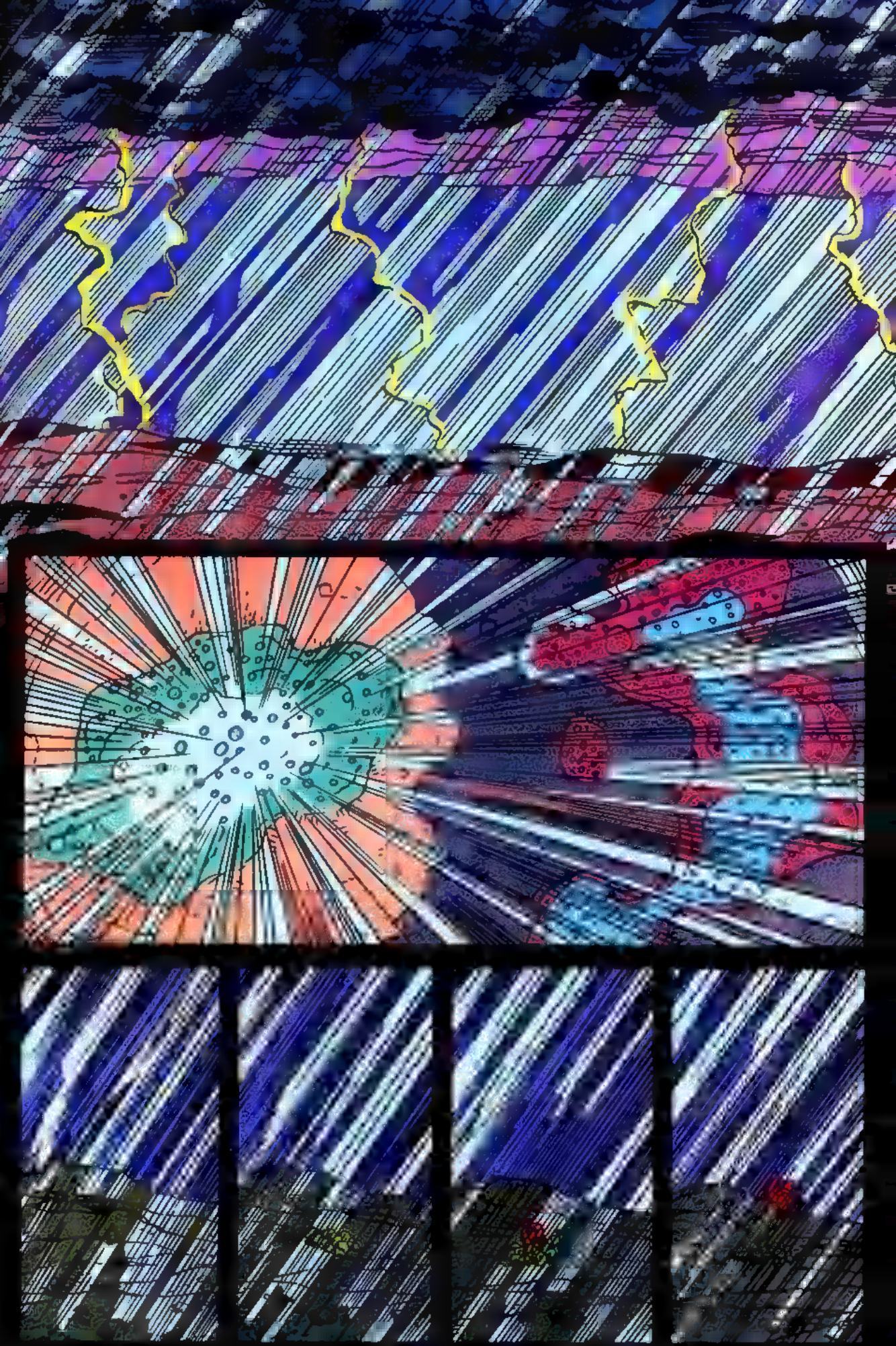

"THE NEW PARADISE.

"CALL FORTH THE CONGREGATION."

WHERE ARE WE?

DON'T LOOK LIKE KANSAS TO ME, TOTO.

NOT EARTH, EITHER. LOOK AROUND.

NO SIGN OF ANIMAL LIFE ANYWHERE.

YOU FOLKS FEEL WHAT I'M FEEL-ING?

EARTHQUAKE! AT LEAST TREMORS.

LOOK OVER THERE!

"EVERY PARADISE SHOULD HAVE A CATHEDRAL."

THERE'S SOME-ONE BEHIND THOSE DOORS!

WELCOME MY CHILDREN TO --

PARADISE OMEGA!

TO BE CONTINUED IN THE WARLOCK CHRONICLES #1 ON SALE NEXT WEEK! THEN FOLLOW THE ADVENTURE TWO WEEKS LATER WITHIN THE PAGES OF WARLOCK AND THE INFINITY WATCH #18 AND THE FOLLOWING WEEK REJOIN US HERE IN THE INFINITY CRUSADE #2!

AND BE SURE NOT TO MISS THE EXCITING DEVELOPMENTS IN AVENGERS WEST COAST #96, ALPHA FLIGHT #122, IRON MAN #294, THOR #464, DR. STRANGE #55 AND TERROR INC. #13!